

Information Technology & Cybersecurity

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Judah Holstein

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11:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Human Services and Labor & Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Health

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Margaret Käufer and Pauline Mosley; BOL: Jewel Williams Johnson, Emiljana Ulaj, Nancy Barr, Catherine Parker, Dayana Gomez, Shatika Parker, Warren Watson.

Present: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Imamura and Legislator Pierce

Remote: Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Presentation addressing the digital divide in Westchester

Guests:

The STEM Alliance: Brenda Brush, Managing Director for Strategic Initiatives; Joanna Jimenez, Chief Client Experience Officer; and Margaret Käufer, President

Pauline Mosley, Professor of Information Technology at Pace University

Ms. Käufer presented on the initiatives provided by The STEM Alliance to address the digital divide in the County of Westchester. Some of the limitations that people include the inability to access or afford devices, in addition to knowing how to use them in general. After providing an overview on their data collected within the past year, Ms. Käufer explained the follow up that they conduct with those who were helped in order to get an idea of the amount of improvement. Access to digital devices also allow for Asset Limited, Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households to obtain devices, connectivity and/or proper education on how to use

these systems. In many cases, trainings on using the software programs available, such as Google Suite, can open an array of possibilities for many individuals.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels stated that the Committee on Information Technology & Cybersecurity, having concluded all items on the agenda, is adjourned at 12:24 PM.

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